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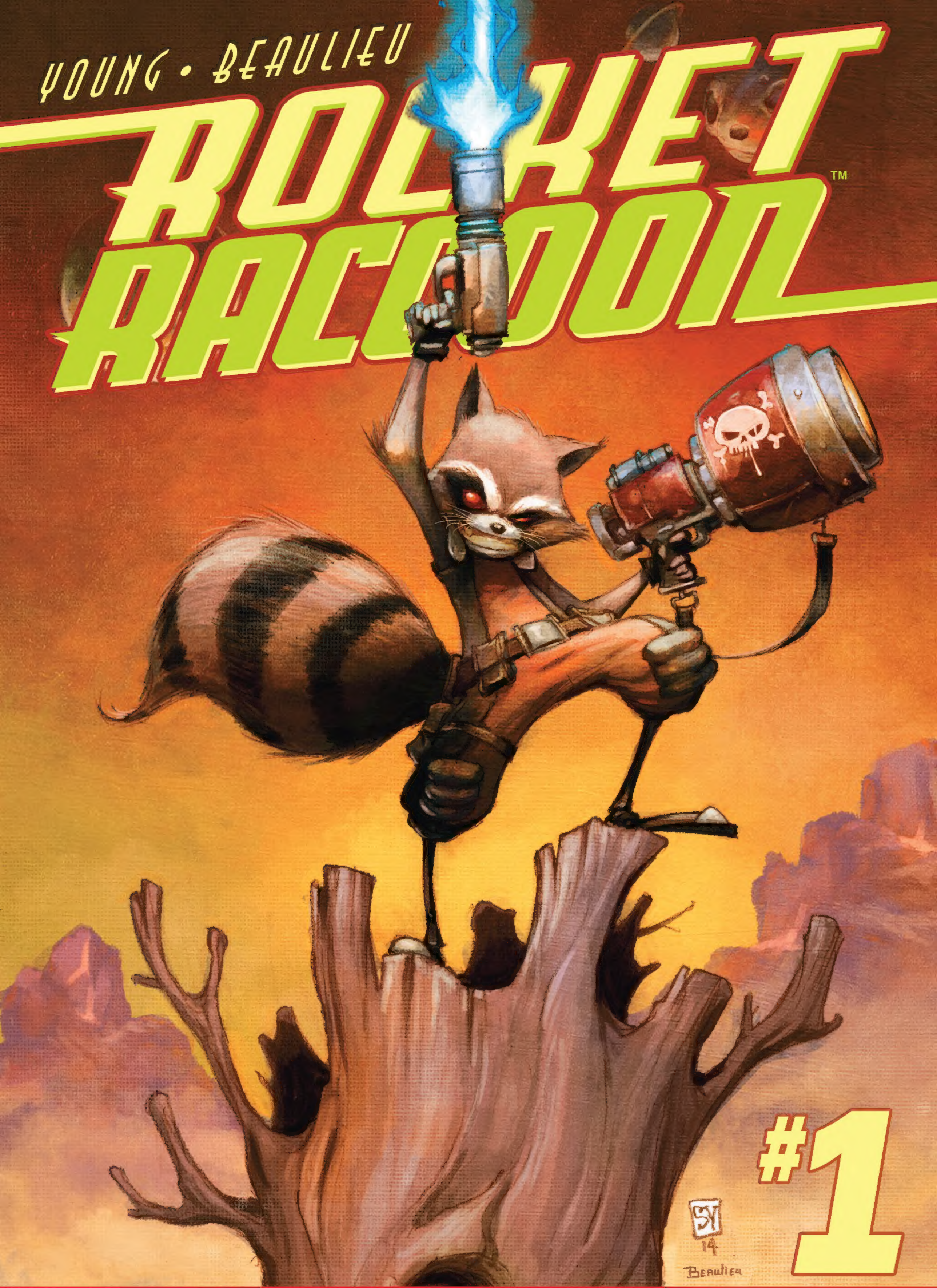

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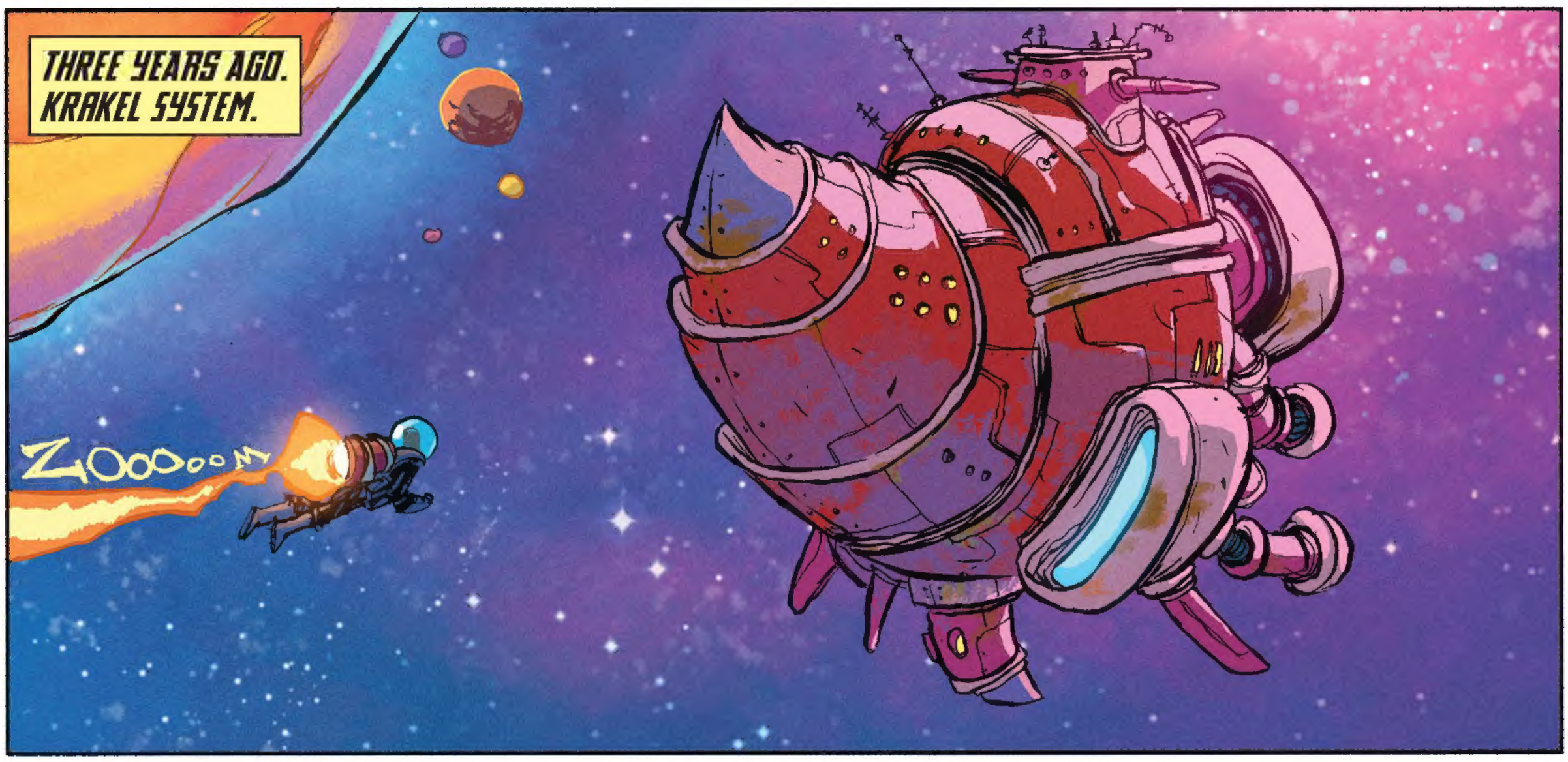
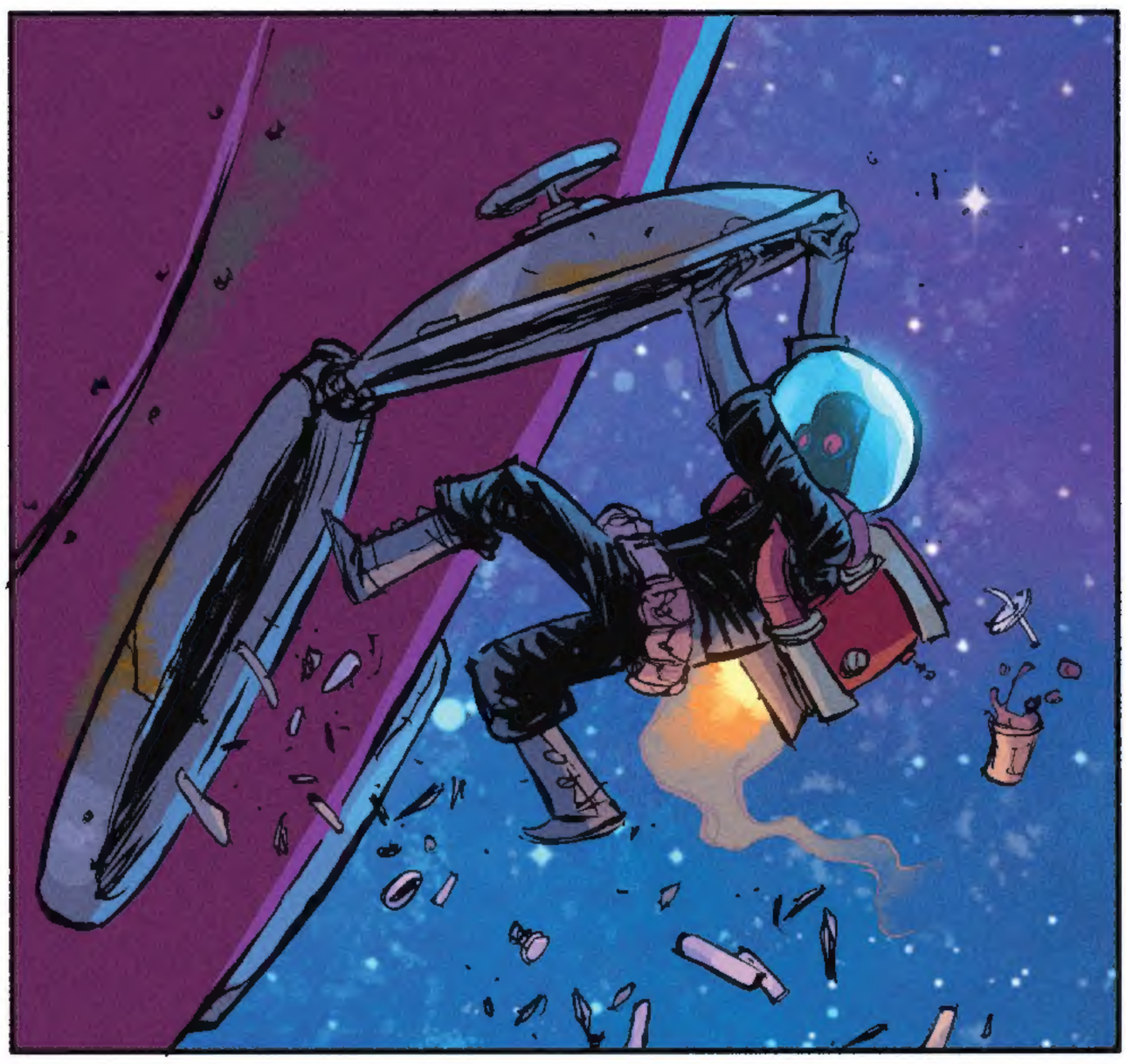

THREE YEARS AGO.
KRAKEL SYSTEM.
ZOOOOOM



I'M NOT A FAN.
HOW CAN YOU NOT BE A FAN? IT'S A SHOW ABOUT A *LIVING* PLANET. A *PLANET*, BUT HE'S LIKE A *GUY*.

bleep blip bleep
IT'S JUST NOT BELIEVABLE.
I'VE HEARD IT'S A REAL THING THOUGH.

WHATEVER. IT'S TOO FAR FETCHED FOR--
HOLD ON, I HEAR SOMETHING.

BLRRR
LOOK! WHAT IS THAT?

HOW SHOULD I KNOW? GRAB IT.
YOU GRAB IT!

I'M THE ONE WITH THE STRIPE, PAL. I'M IN CHARGE AND I'M ORDERING *YOU* TO GRAB IT!
YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF MAKING OUT THE GUARD SCHEDULE!
YOU DON'T HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ORDER *LUNCH*. *YOU* GRAB IT.

DON'T YOU DARE DISRESPECT MY STR--
PINKY OUT
CLICK

FRAGABOOM

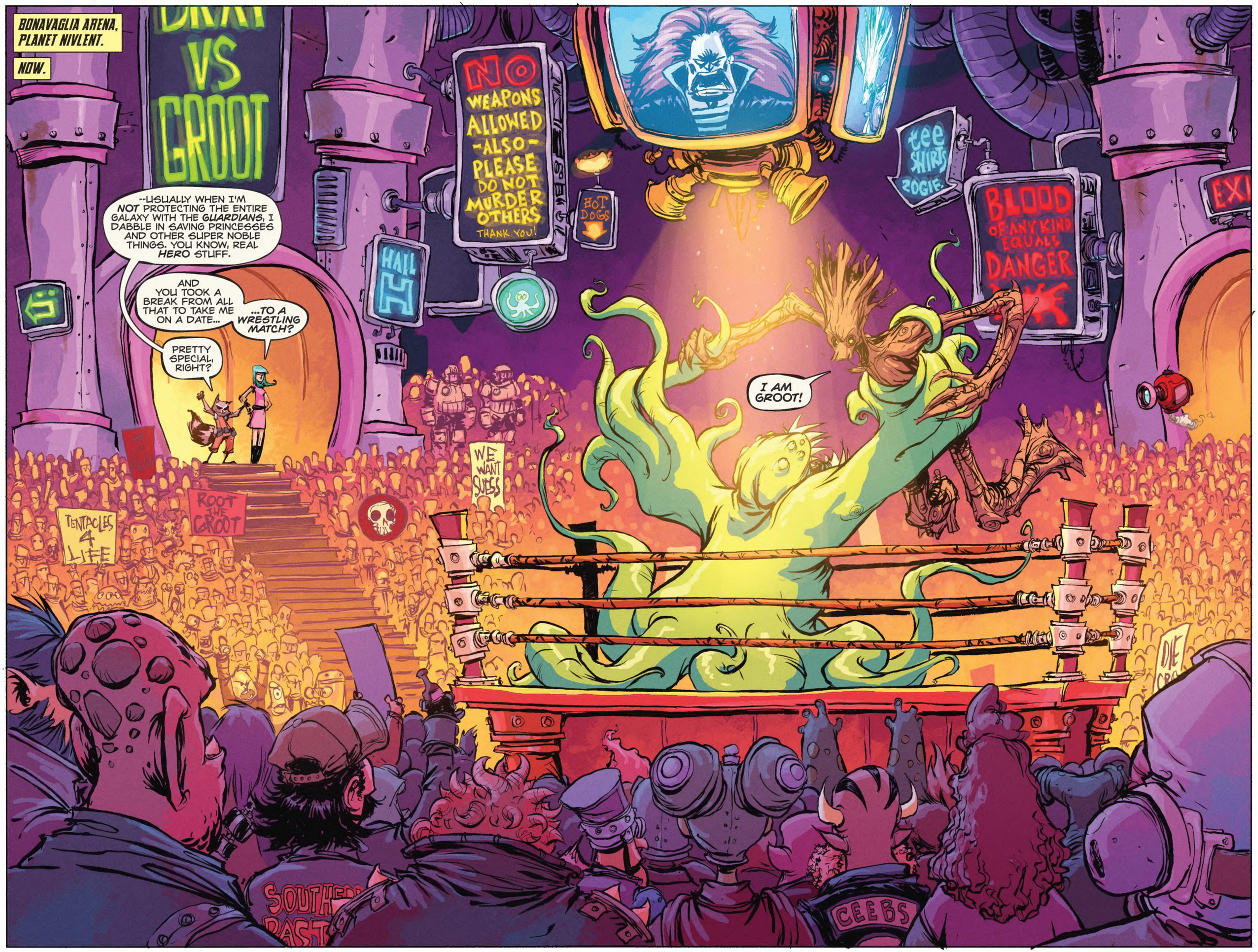
ARE YOU PRINCESS AMALYA?
YES...
YOU'RE TALLER THAN I EXPECTED.

ziiiip
AND YOU'RE JUST LIKE EVERY OTHER PRINCESS I'VE SAVED...

...NEVER IMPRESSED UNLESS THEY SEE THE *TAIL*.

IT IS QUITE... *IMPRESSIVE*.

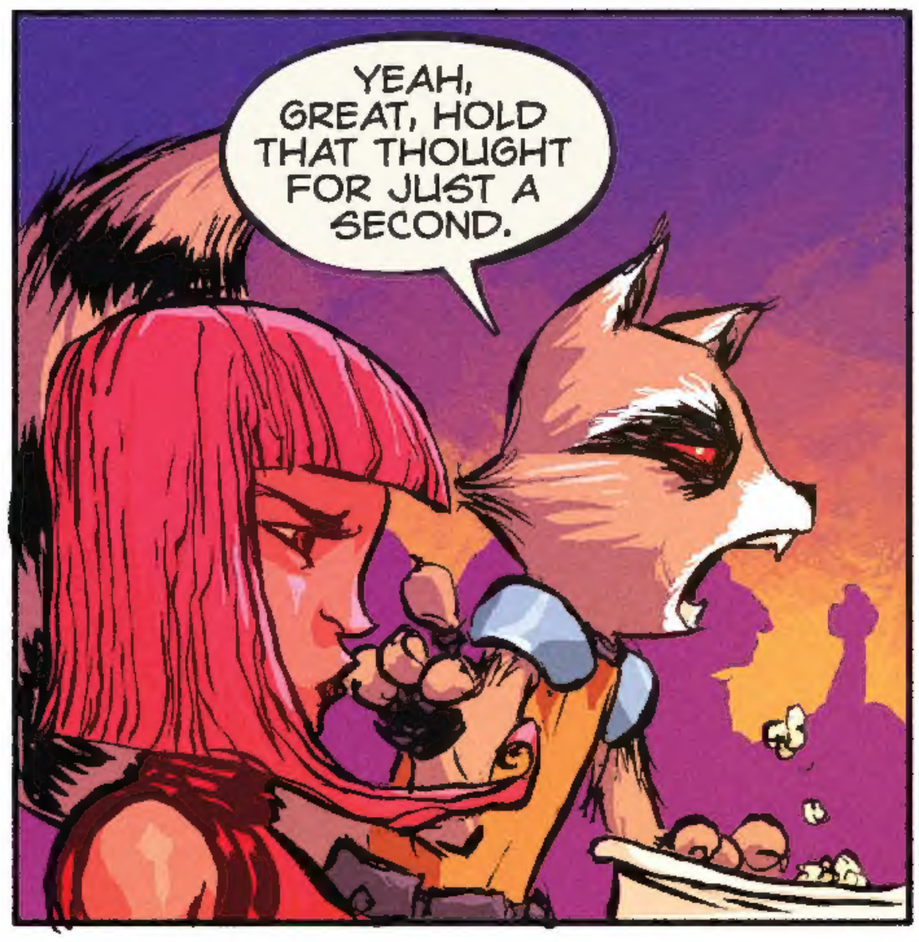
KA-BOOM!


BONAVAGLIA ARENA, PLANET NIVLENT.
NOW.
VS GROOT
--USUALLY WHEN I'M NOT PROTECTING THE ENTIRE GALAXY WITH THE GUARDIANS, I DABBLE IN SAVING PRINCESSES AND OTHER SUPER NOBLE THINGS. YOU KNOW, REAL HERO STUFF.
AND YOU TOOK A BREAK FROM ALL THAT TO TAKE ME ON A DATE...
...TO A WRESTLING MATCH?
PRETTY SPECIAL, RIGHT?
NO WEAPONS ALLOWED -ALSO- PLEASE DO NOT MURDER OTHERS THANK YOU!
HOT DOGS
HAIL
TEE SHIRTS
BLOOD OF ANY KIND EQUALS DANGER
I AM GROOT!
WE WANT SUESS
TENTACLES 4 LIFE
ROOT THE GROOT
CEEBS

AS GREAT AS THIS GUY'S SWEAT IS, I CAN THINK OF MANY OTHER THINGS YOU AND I COULD BE DOING BACK IN MY ROOM.
TRUST ME, I'M GROOT'S LUCKY RABBIT'S FOOT. EXCEPT, NOT A RABBIT.
THIS CLOWN'S GONNA TAP OUT AND THEN IT'LL BE JUST YOU, ME, AND...

I--AM-- GROOT.
KRAK

GROOT!
I'M NOT SURE I'M INTO THAT. I WAS REALLY THINKING IT WOULD JUST BE THE TWO OF US. NICE, ROMANTIC. SPLINTER-FREE.


YEAH, GREAT, HOLD THAT THOUGHT FOR JUST A SECOND.

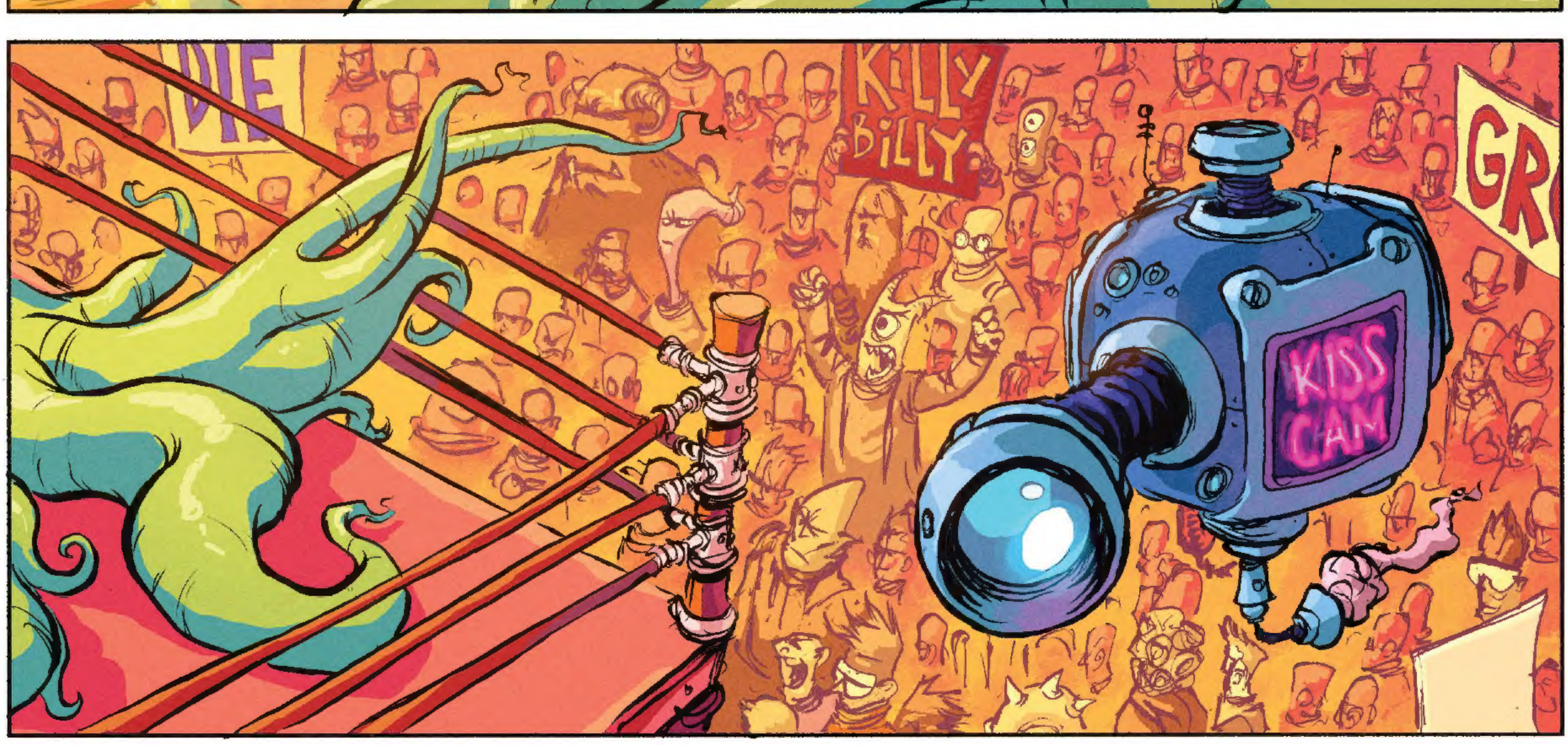
I AM GROOT!

YEAH, BUDDY! REACH INSIDE THAT STUPID %$@# AND MAKE HIM BLEED OUT HIS MOTHER %#@$ $#@&% AND THEN @#$% HIS %$&#!

UM... I MEAN... UH...

...YOU'RE JUST SO BEAUTIFUL AND SMART AND ALL THAT OTHER STUFF.
DON'T YOU JUST FEEL SO LUCKY TO BE WITH THE LAST OF AN ENTIRE RACE? I MEAN COME ON, I'M A REAL ONE OF A KIND.

SWISH!
I AM GROOT!


DIE
KILLY BILLY
GR
KISS CAM

SEVENTY HOX SAYS THE SLIMY ONE BITES IT IN THE THIRD.
GROOT! GROOT! GROOT!

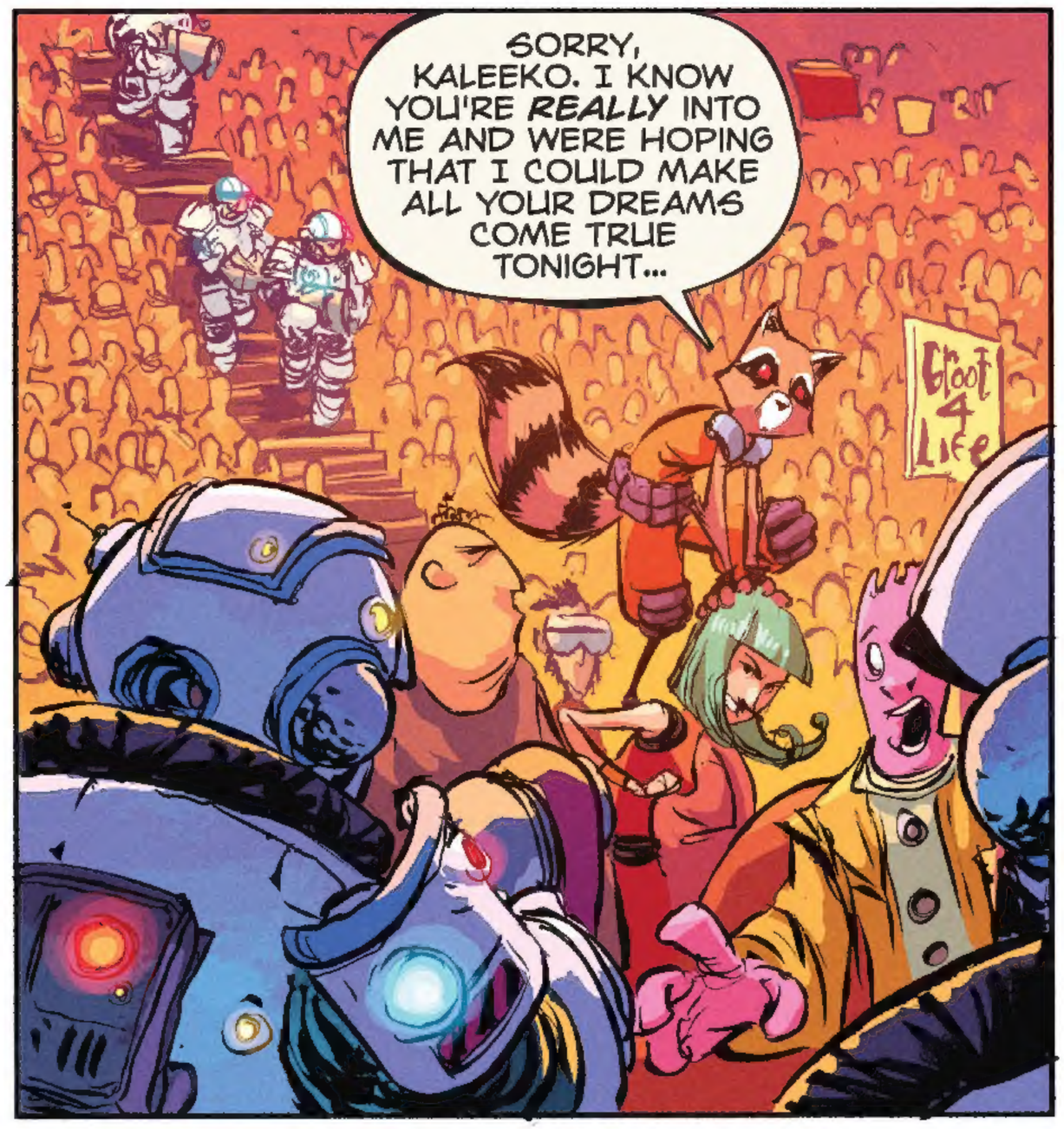
KISS CAM
HEY LOOK, WE'RE GOING TO BE ON THE KISSIN' CAM. DO MY WHISKERS LOOK OKAY?

SMOOCH
SMOOCH
SMOOCH
SMOOCH

THAT'S HOW A GUARDIAN OF THE GALAXY GETS DOWN!
SO ALL THE LADIES OUT THERE, IF YOU'RE EVER IN NEED OF--
OOOF

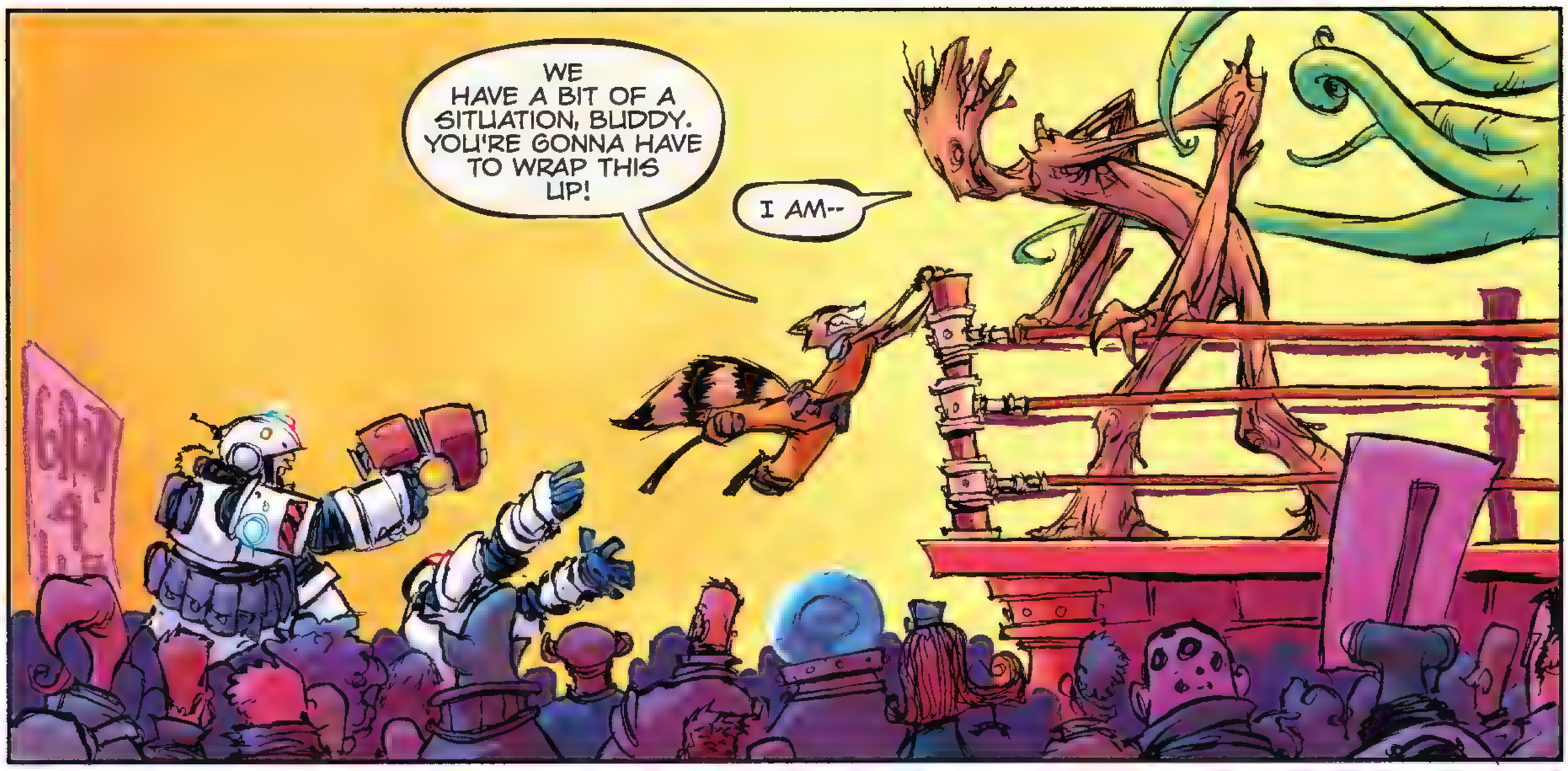
ALERT! ALERT!
WANTED
NAME
ROCKET
ALIAS: ROCKET
ORIGIN: HALFWORLD, KEYSTONE QUADRANT
LEGS: 2
ARMS: 2

WELL, THAT'S NOT GOOD.


SORRY, KALEEKO. I KNOW YOU'RE *REALLY* INTO ME AND WERE HOPING THAT I COULD MAKE ALL YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE TONIGHT...
Groot 4 Life

...BUT IT LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING ELSE HAS COME UP.
I'LL CALL YOU!
THUD!

NOBODY PANIC. WE ARE HERE TO PROTECT YOU FROM THIS VIOLENT CRIMINAL.
IF YOU IMPEDE OUR PURSUIT OF THIS OFFENDER, YOU WILL BE SHOT DEAD. THANK YOU AND ENJOY THE REST OF THE MATCH.
5TH
66-G


WE HAVE A BIT OF A SITUATION, BUDDY. YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO WRAP THIS UP!
I AM--

--GROOT?!
SPLINTER

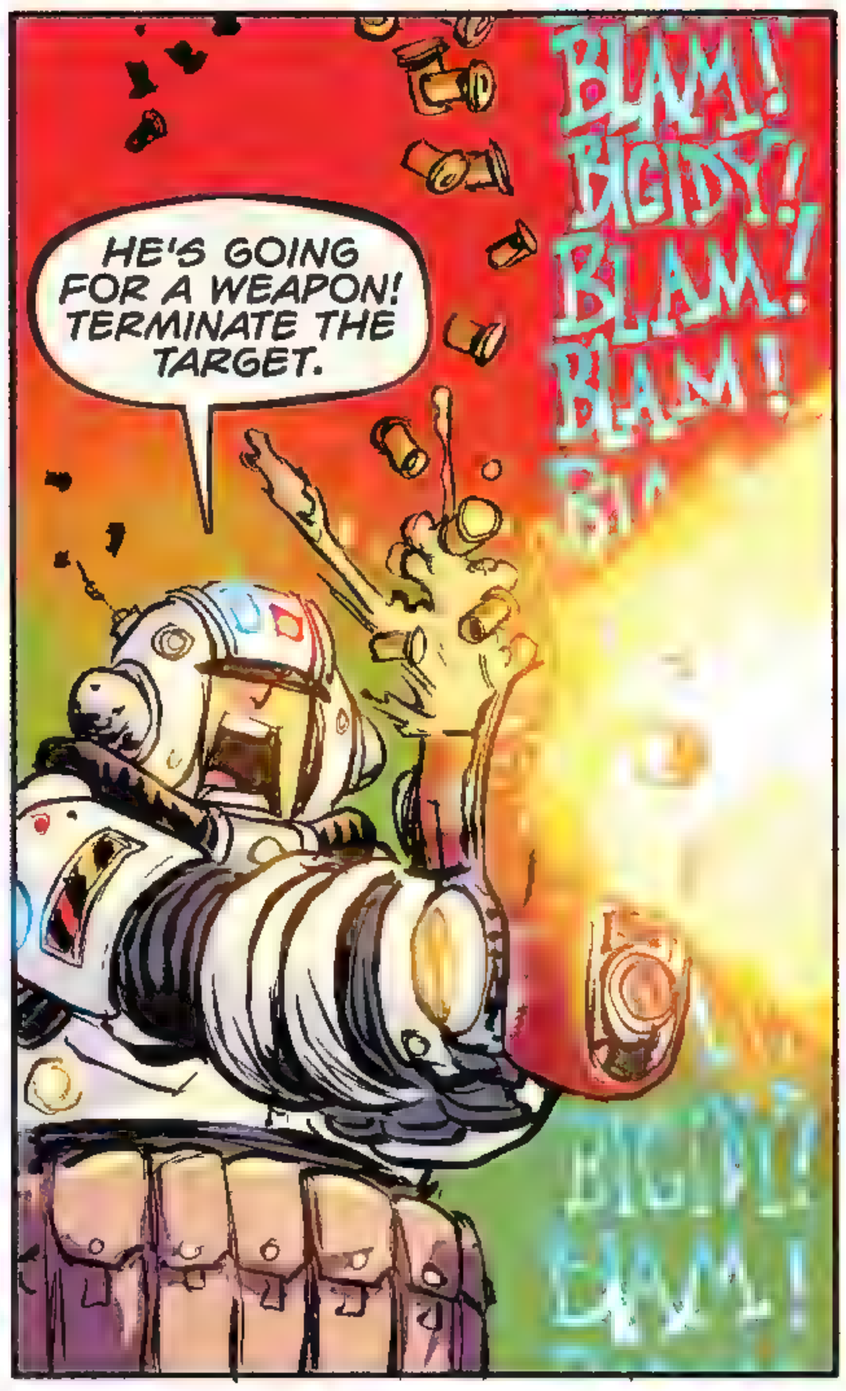
WELL, THIS DAY JUST KEEPS GETTING BETTER AND BETTER.

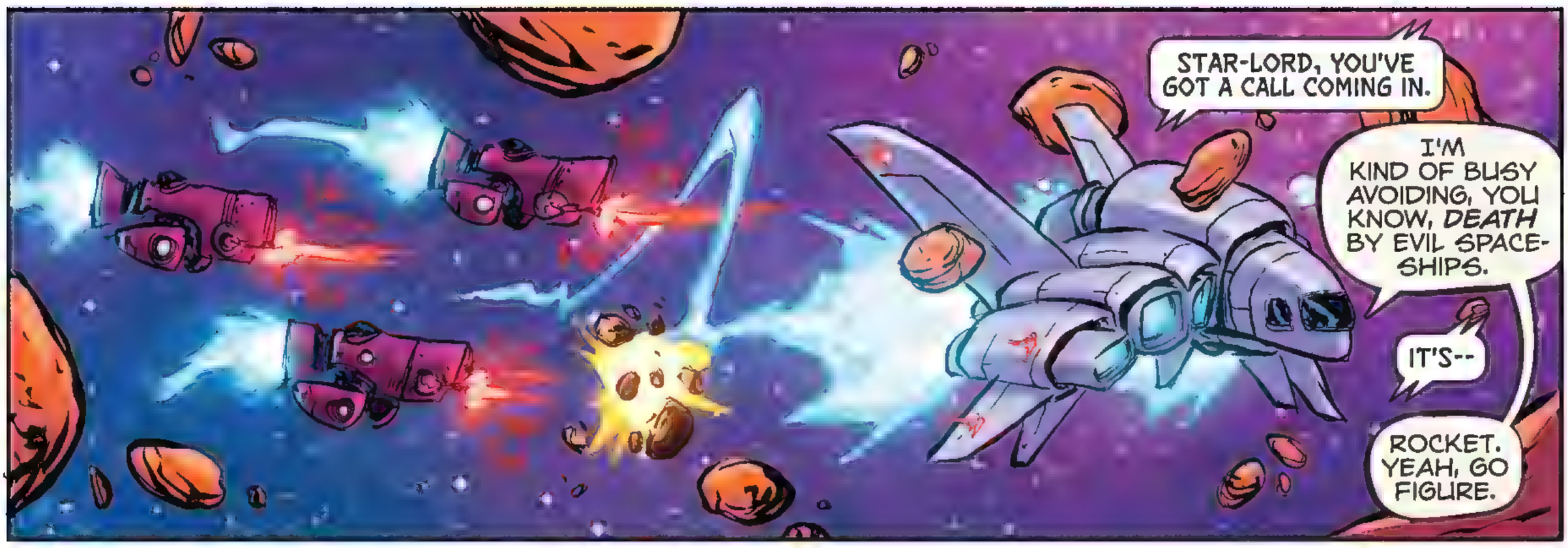
YOU JUST COST ME A LOT OF DOUGH. IF I WASN'T SUCH A *STAND-UP GUY*, I'D LET THIS OVERFIEND-LOOKING CREEP SNACK ON EVERY LAST PIECE OF YOUR BARK!
I am Groot.
DON'T MOVE!

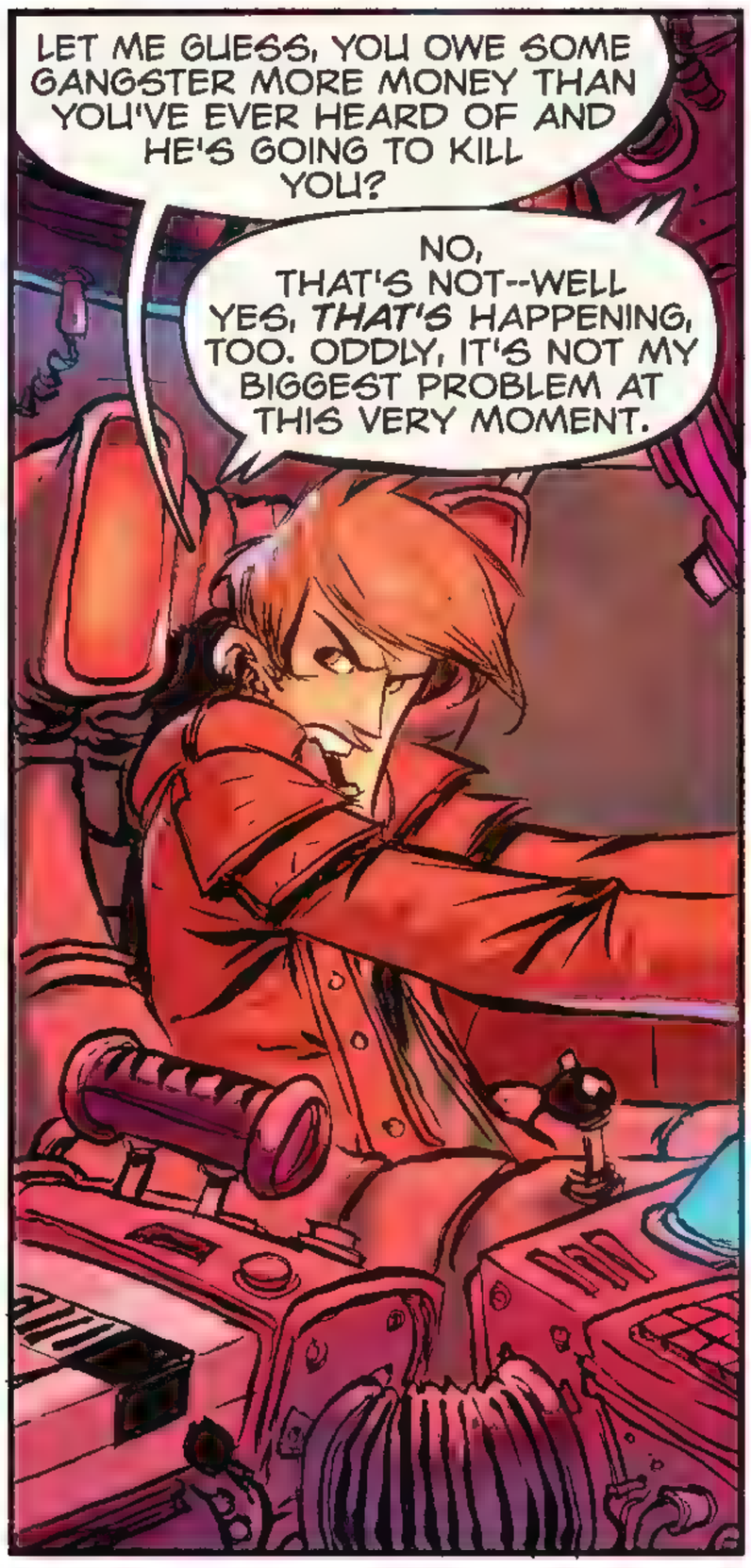
YOU ARE UNDER ARREST FOR VIOLATIONS ON PLANETS 894, DRUMPO, BLOXID, ARVADIA, AND THORDALIO. SURRENDER NOW OR WE ARE AUTHORIZED TO TERMINATE THE TARGET.

TERMINATE! WHAT? NO.

GUYS, I'M NOT A TARGET. I'M A GUARDIAN OF THE GALAXY. HERE...

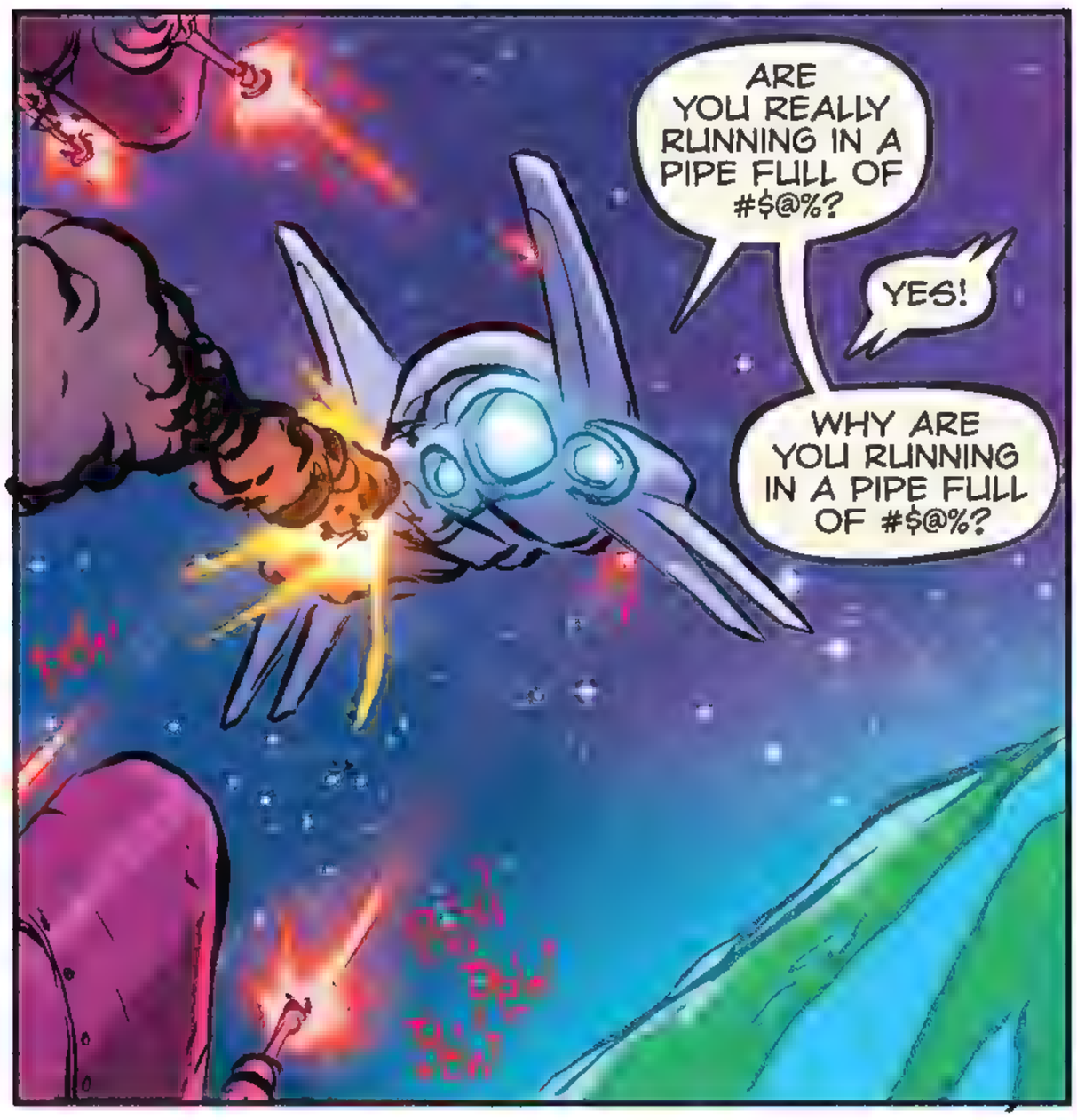



STAR-LORD, YOU'VE GOT A CALL COMING IN.
I'M KIND OF BUSY AVOIDING, YOU KNOW, *DEATH* BY EVIL SPACE-SHIPS.
IT'S--
ROCKET. YEAH, GO FIGURE.


LET ME GUESS, YOU OWE SOME GANGSTER MORE MONEY THAN YOU'VE EVER HEARD OF AND HE'S GOING TO KILL YOU?
NO, THAT'S NOT--WELL YES, *THAT'S* HAPPENING, TOO. ODDLY, IT'S NOT MY BIGGEST PROBLEM AT THIS VERY MOMENT.

I'M WANTED.
NOT LIKE "HEY, YOU'RE SO CUTE AND FUZZY AND I WANT YOU RIGHT NOW BIG BOY!" WE'RE TALKING *DOING-TIME-IN-THE-CLINK* WANTED.
WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO ABOUT IT?

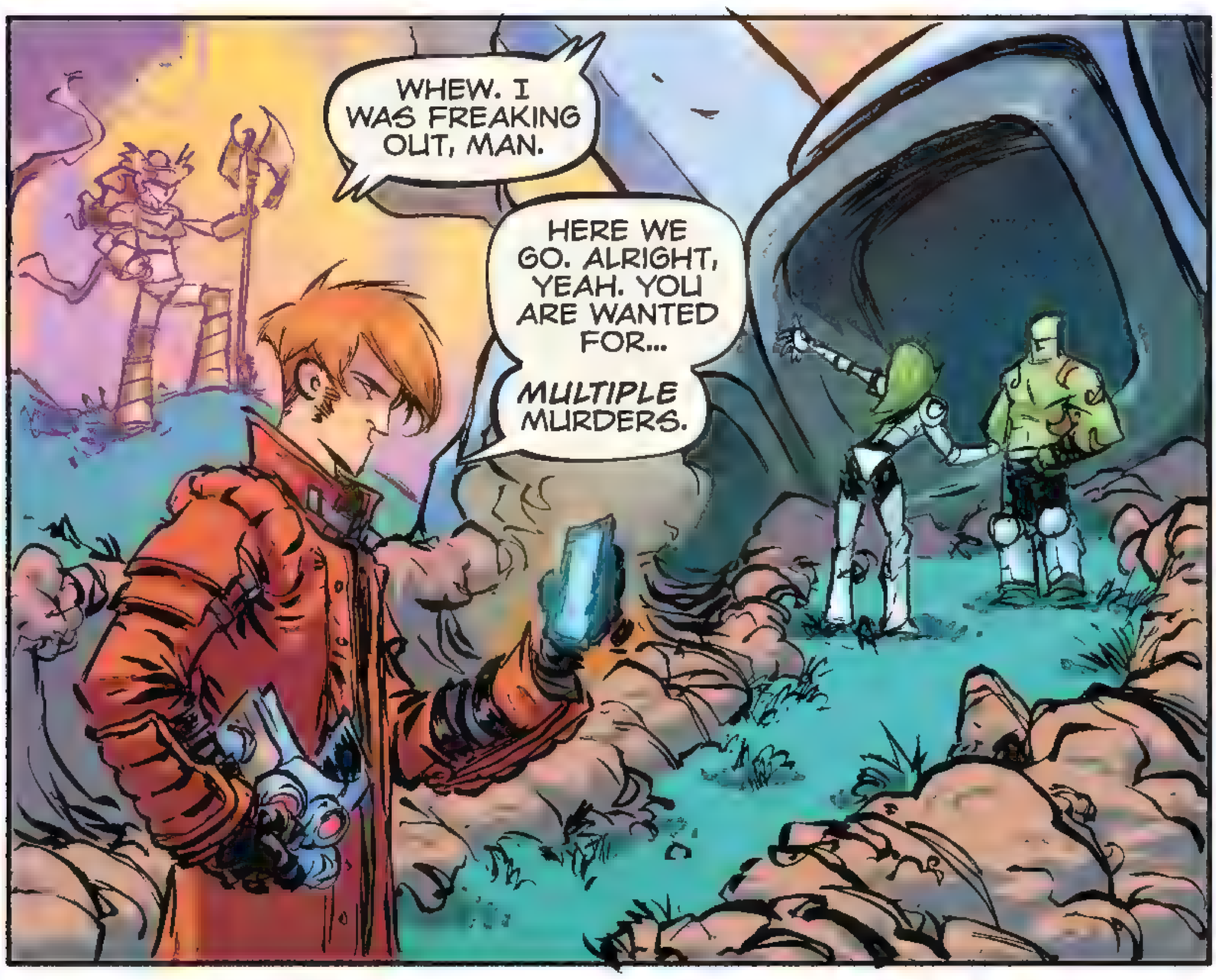
WELL, SINCE I'M RUNNING FROM THE AUTHORITIES INSIDE OF A PIPE--WHICH, BASED ON THE SMELL, I'M SURE IS A SUPERHIGHWAY FOR #$@%--MAYBE YOU CAN USE YOUR PRETTY-BOY SMARTS AND FIND OUT WHY THEY THINK I'M A CRIMINAL!
SKRCH


ARE YOU REALLY RUNNING IN A PIPE FULL OF #$@%?
YES!
WHY ARE YOU RUNNING IN A PIPE FULL OF #$@%?

I FIGURED WITH MY SIZE, IT'D BE A GOOD PLACE TO--
--NEVER MIND! JUST LOOK FOR THE INFO!

OK, WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE WANTED FOR...
...MURDER.
WHAT? THAT'S CRAZY!

IS IT REALLY? ARE YOU MURDERING SOMEONE RIGHT NOW?
WHAT? MAYBE. THAT'S NOT THE POINT!
SORRY, I WAS WRONG, IT'S NOT A MURDER.


WHEW. I WAS FREAKING OUT, MAN.
HERE WE GO. ALRIGHT, YEAH. YOU ARE WANTED FOR...
MULTIPLE MURDERS.

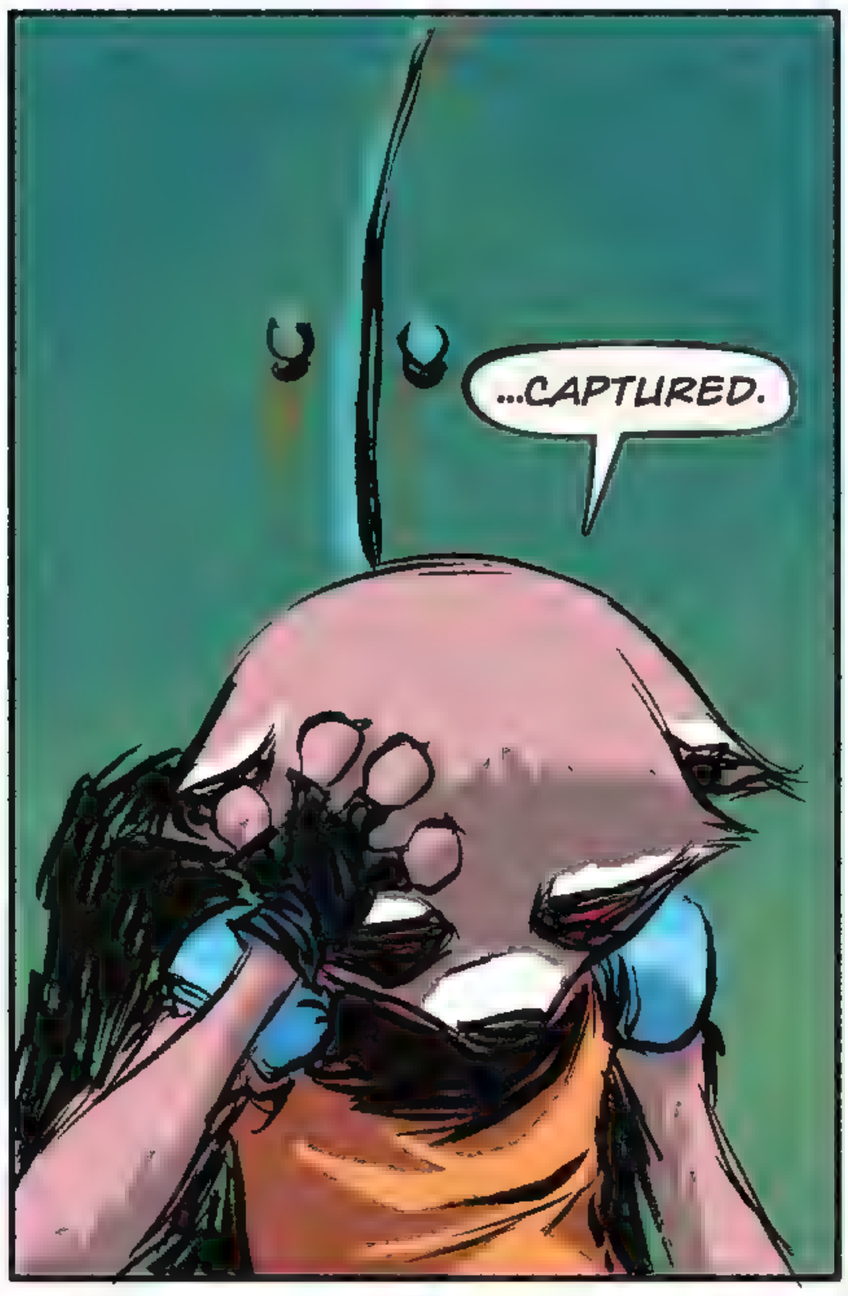
MULTIPLE MURDERS?!?!
AGAIN, YOU'RE SHOCKED?
I'M PRETTY SURE ALL MINE ARE ACCOUNTED FOR AND JUSTIFIED.

THEN YOU'RE EITHER MOONLIGHTING ON US AS AN ASSASSIN OR...

...THAT GUY WASN'T LYING ABOUT WHAT HE SAW ON RIGEL SEVEN.
ANOTHER ME?!?!

SHAKE THE COPS AND MEET UP WITH US. WE'LL FIND THAT PURPLE GUY AND GET THIS STRAIGHTENED OUT.
CAN'T TALK TO HIM.
WHY NOT?
"HE'S DEAD."
"SERIOUSLY, AGAIN WITH THE MURDER?"
"I WAS JUST AT THE BAR, BEING SUPER-RESPONSIBLE, TELLING STORIES."
"ABOUT YOUR BEING THE LAST ONE OF YOUR GUY'S KIND."
"YEAH, WHATEVER. THEN SOME GUY STARTS SAYING I'M A LIAR. HE'S SEEN SOMEONE LIKE ME BEFORE. NEXT YOU KNOW, THAT GUYS DEAD AND I CATCH A GLIMPSE OF... SOMEONE."
ROCKET, YOU THERE?
YEAH, I'M JUST HAVING A HARD TIME WRAPPING MY HEAD AROUND THIS.
WHAT IF THE ONE IN THE VIDEO ISN'T THE ONLY ONE? THERE COULD BE EVEN MORE OF MY KIND OUT THERE SOME-WHERE.
ZIGAP
AND I'M SURE IF YOU CAN AVOID BEING CAPTURED AND LOCKED UP FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE OR STRAPPED TO THE CHAIR THEN YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO ANSWER THOSE QUESTIONS.

YEAH...


...CAPTURED.

DAMN IT!
YOU OKAY, ROCKET?

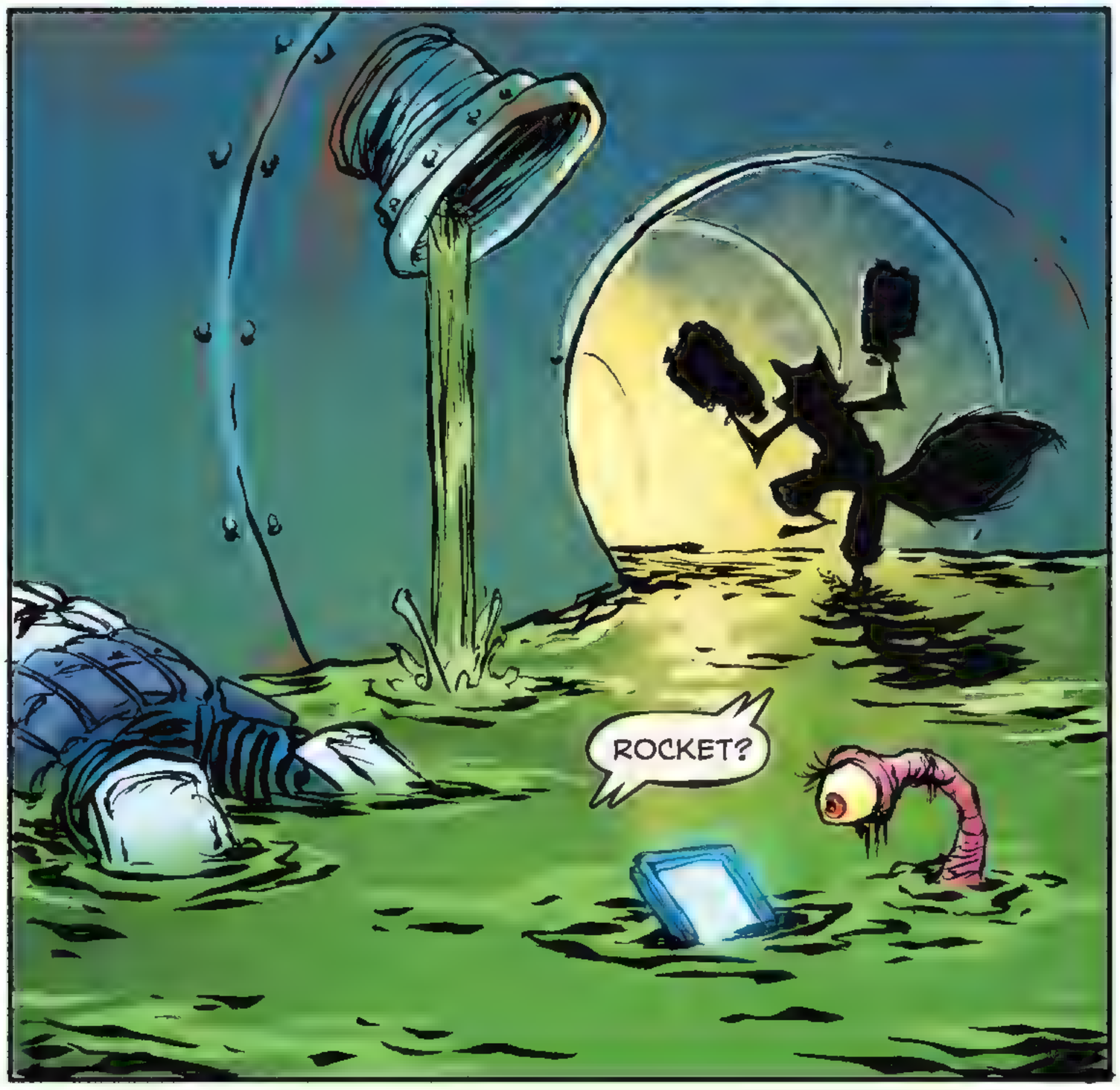
UNFORTUNATELY, YES.

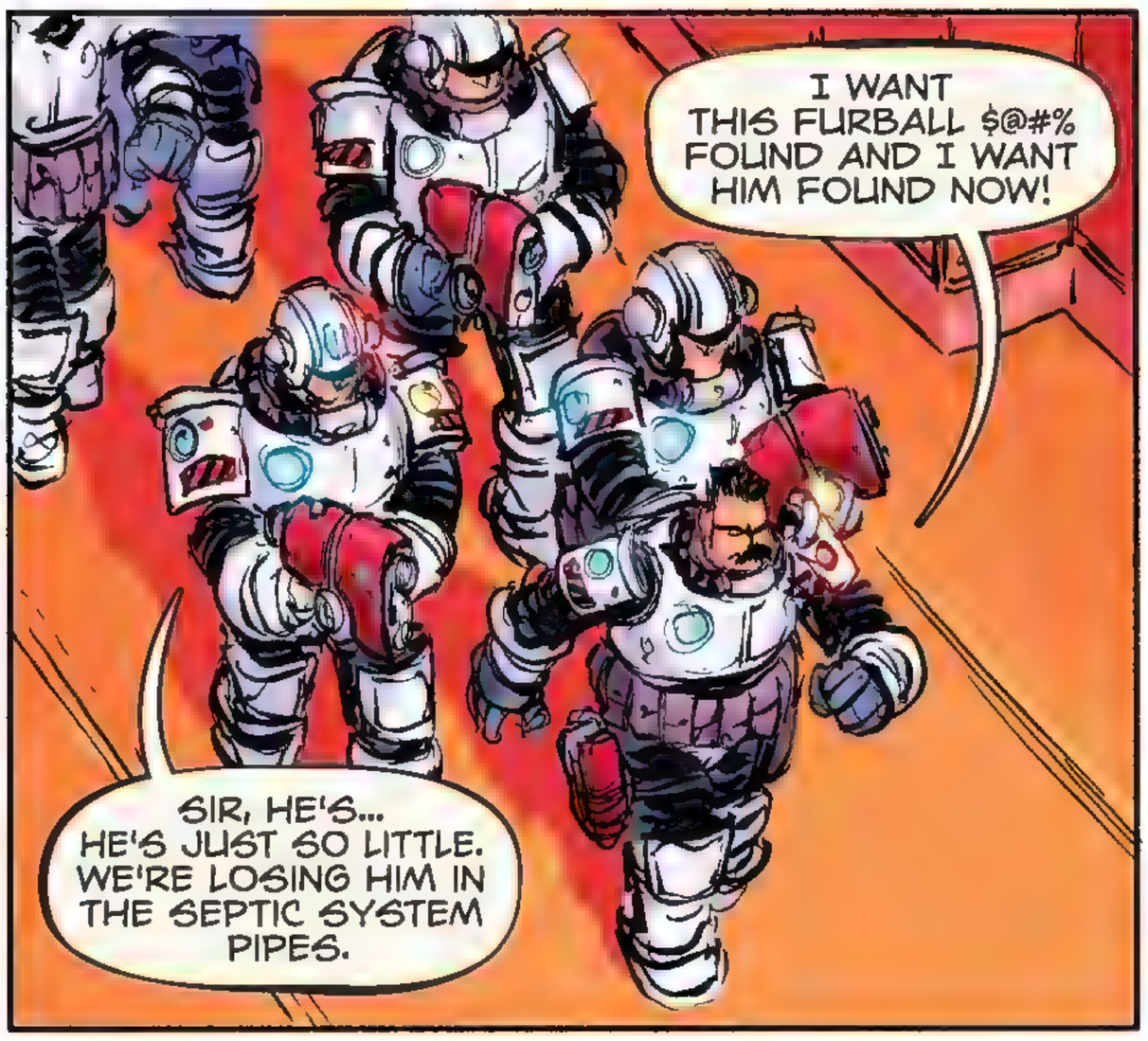
I GOTTA PLAN.

BUT I'M GOING TO NEED A FAVOR.

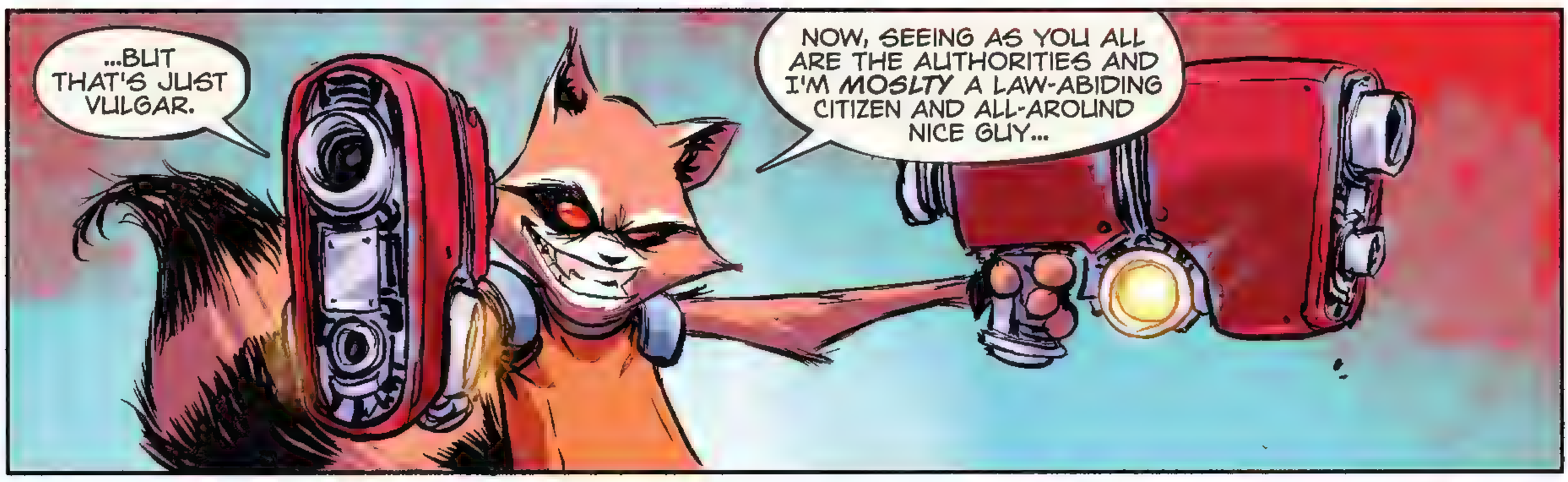
WE'RE A BIT OCCUPIED AT THE MOMENT, BUT WHAT MIGHT THAT FAVOR BE IN CASE MY SCHEDULE OPENS UP?

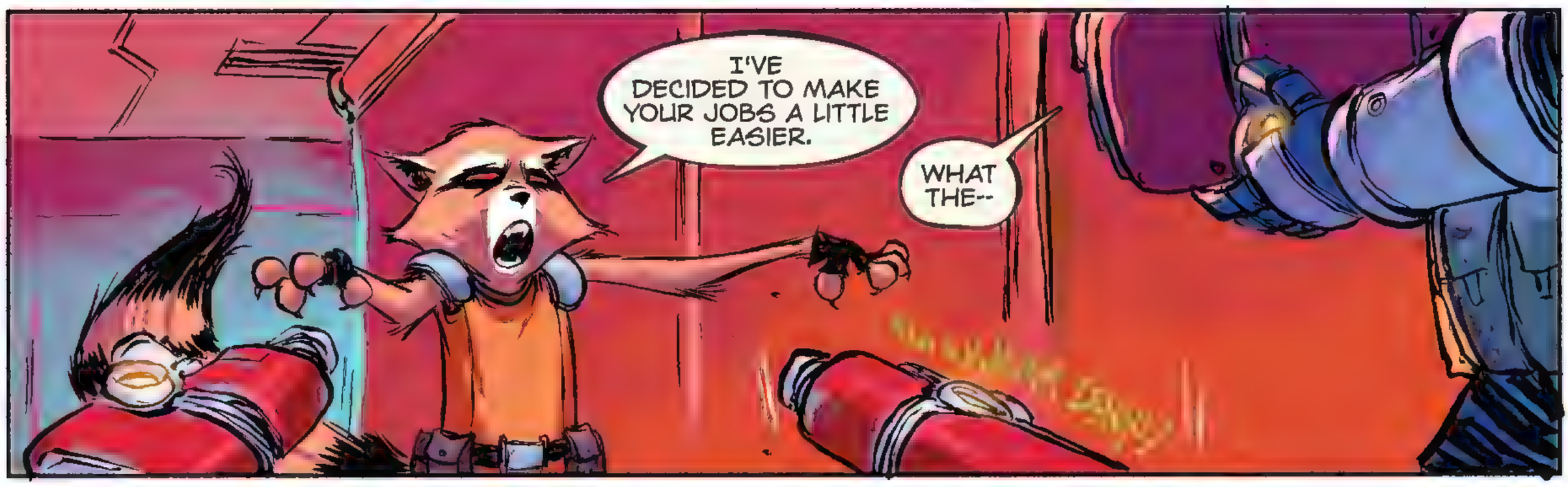
CRUMMMMBLE!

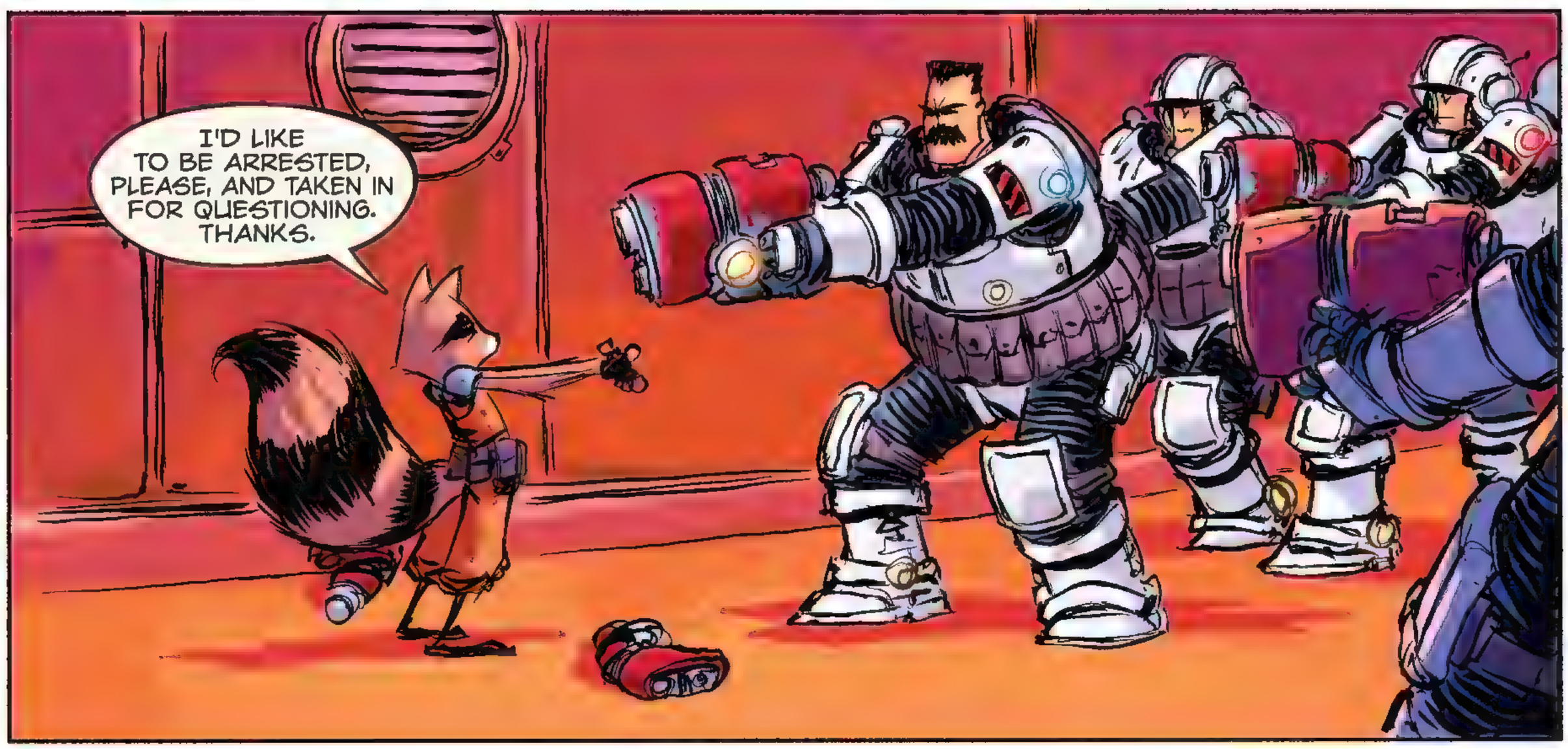


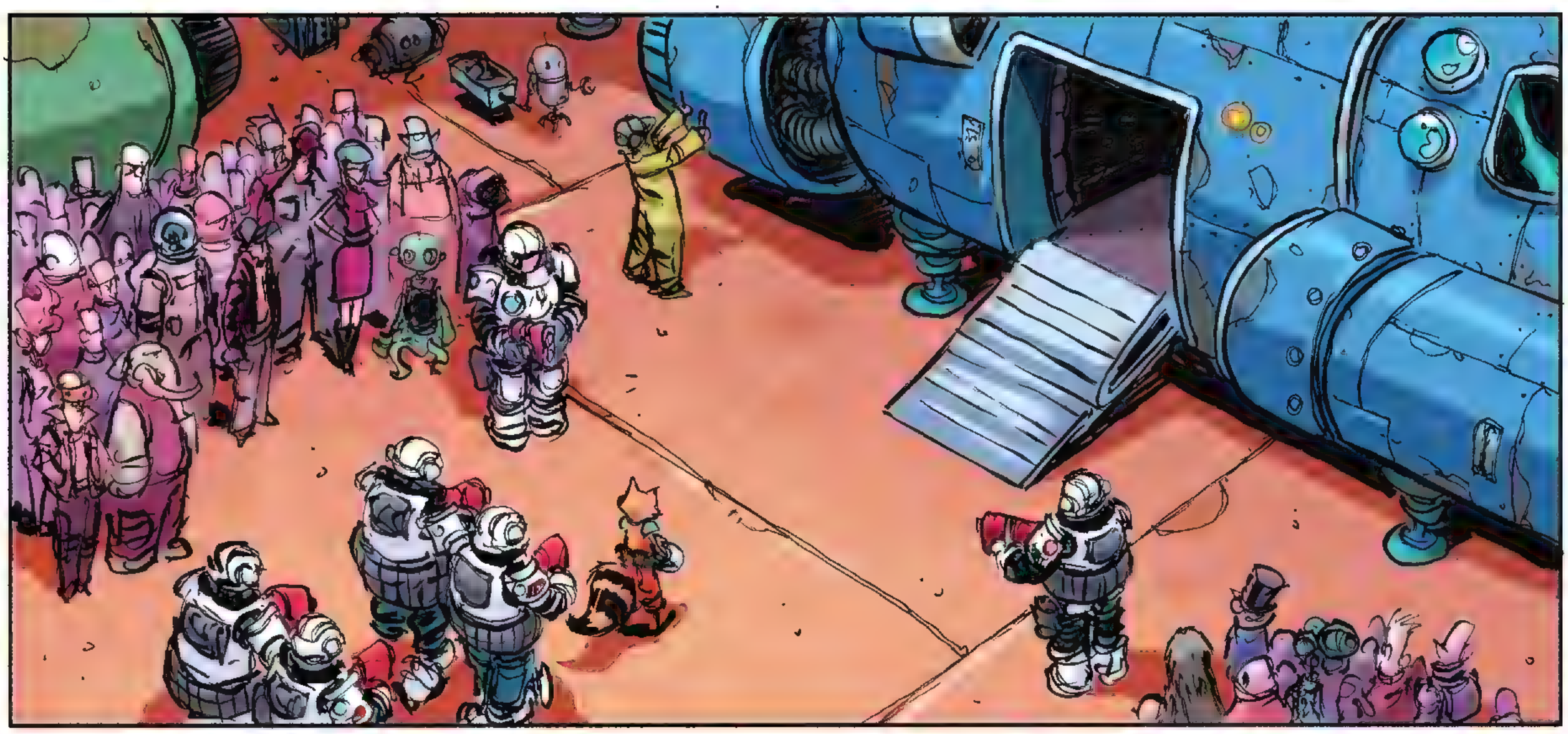

I WANT THIS FURBALL $@#% FOUND AND I WANT HIM FOUND NOW!
SIR, HE'S... HE'S JUST SO LITTLE. WE'RE LOSING HIM IN THE SEPTIC SYSTEM PIPES.

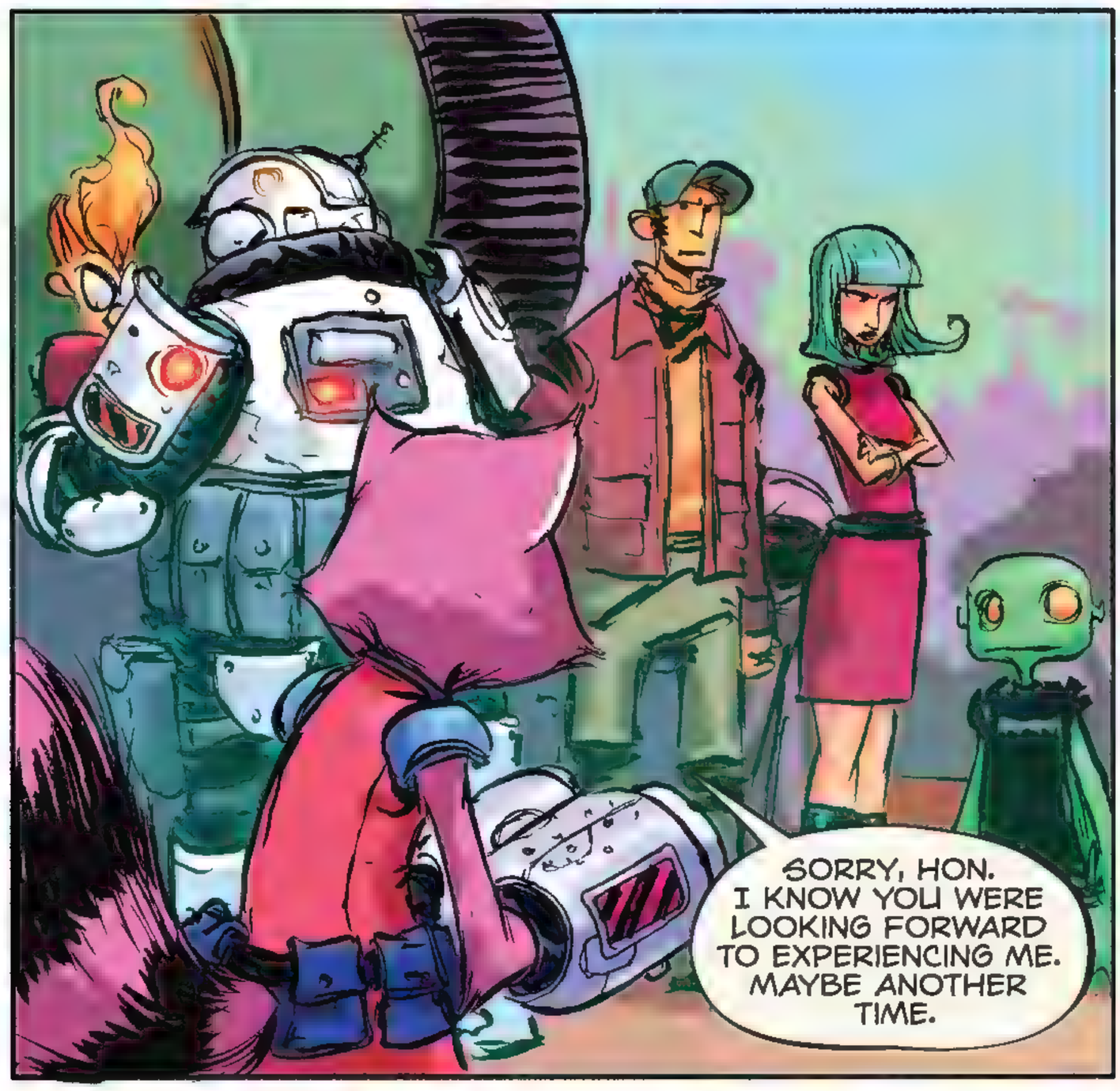
I DON'T CARE IF HE'S SMALL ENOUGH TO CRAWL UP INTO YOUR TIGHT LITTLE A--
WHOA, I'M INTO SOME FREAKY STUFF...
GLOW!

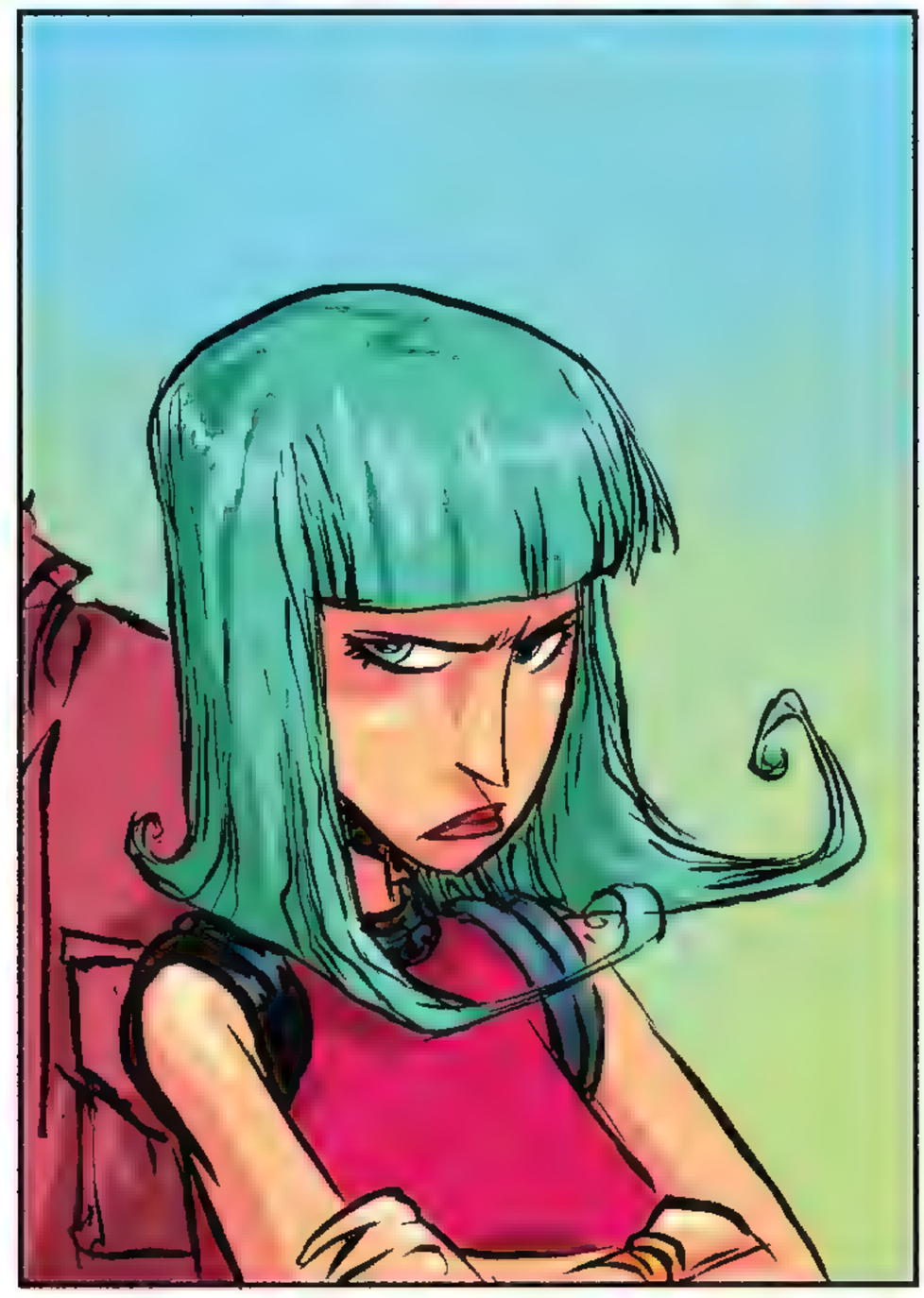

...BUT THAT'S JUST VULGAR.
NOW, SEEING AS YOU ALL ARE THE AUTHORITIES AND I'M *MOSLTY* A LAW-ABIDING CITIZEN AND ALL-AROUND NICE GUY...


I'VE DECIDED TO MAKE YOUR JOBS A LITTLE EASIER.
WHAT THE--


I'D LIKE TO BE ARRESTED, PLEASE, AND TAKEN IN FOR QUESTIONING. THANKS.

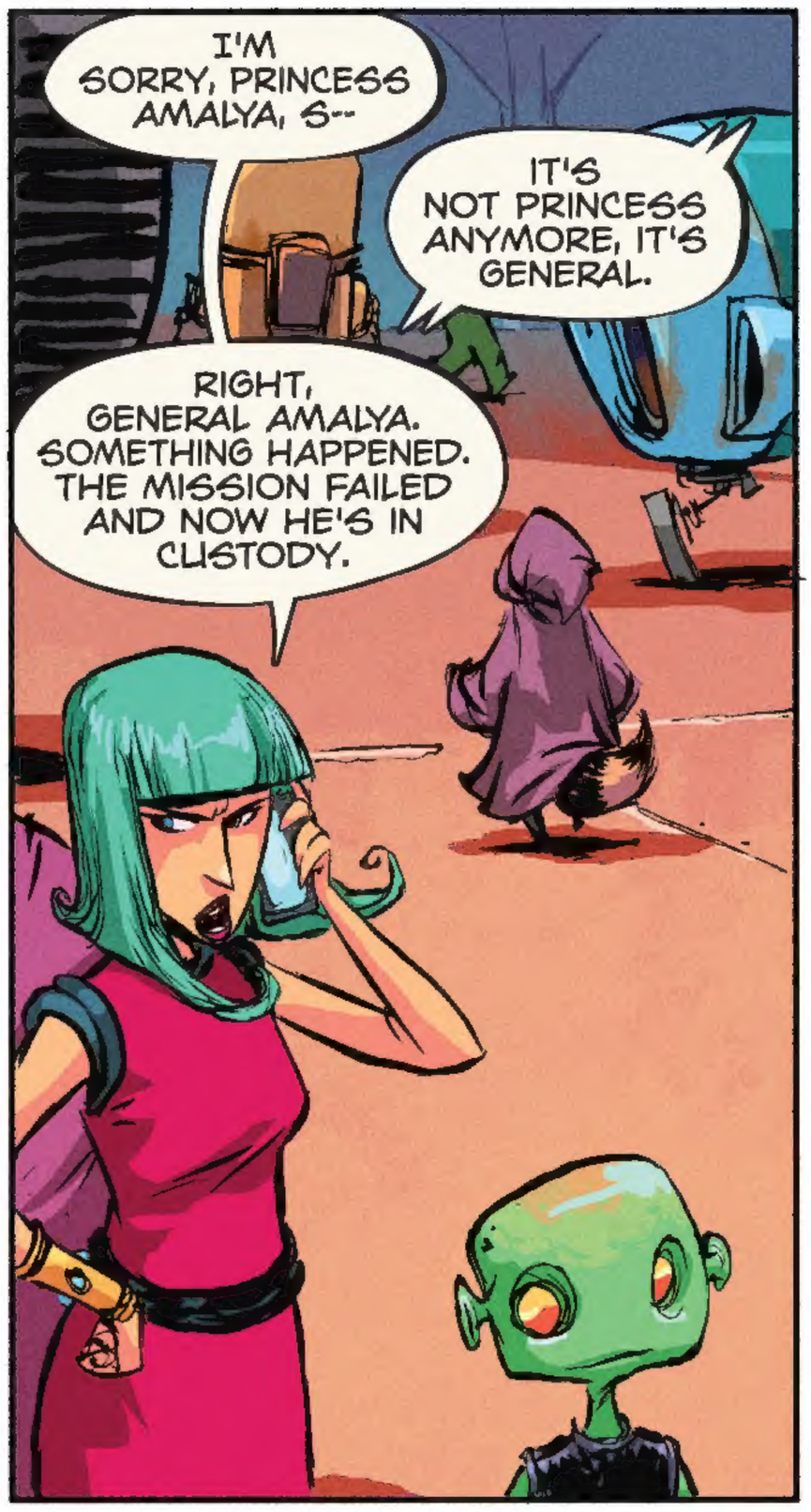


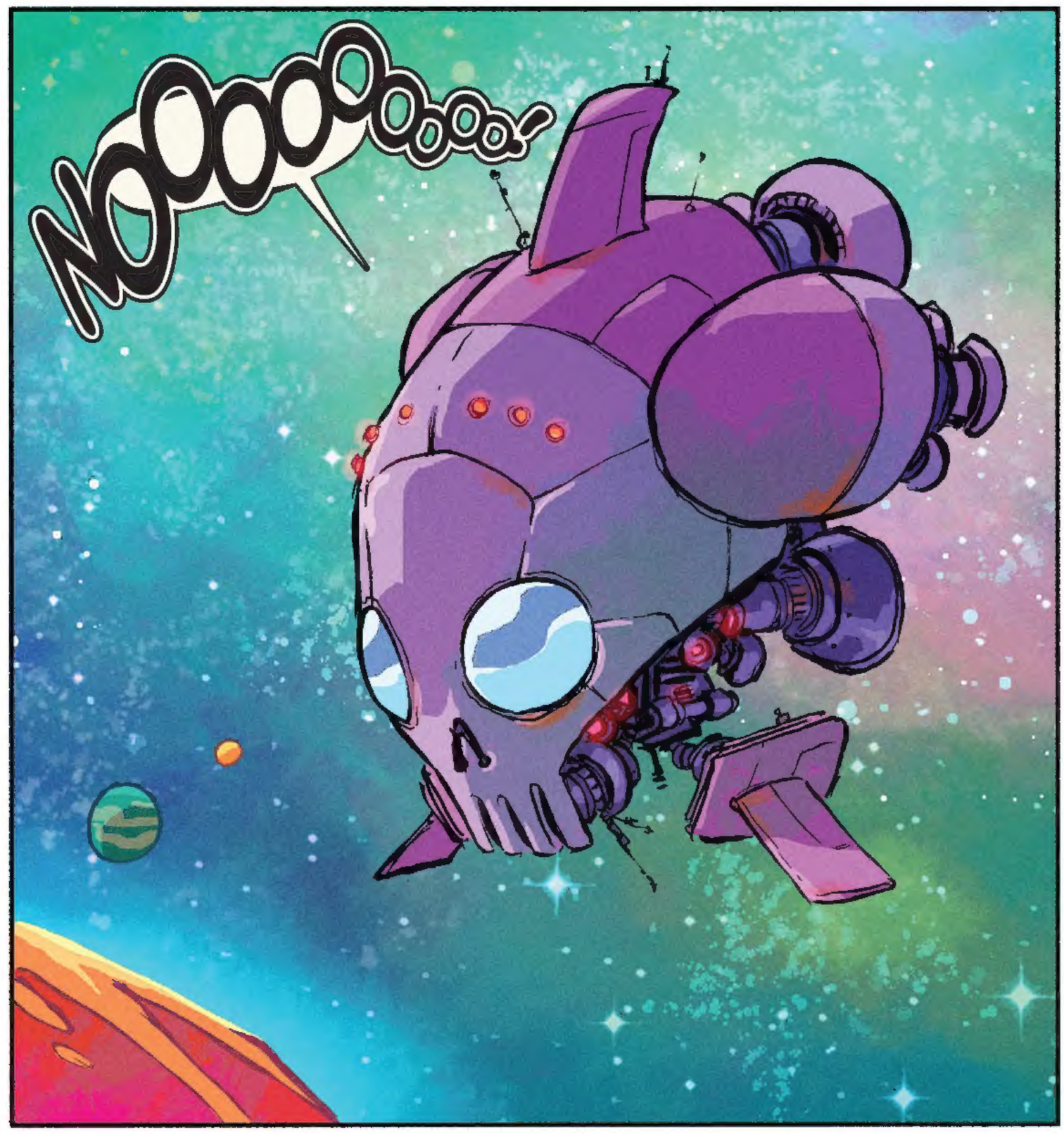

SORRY, HON. I KNOW YOU WERE LOOKING FORWARD TO EXPERIENCING ME. MAYBE ANOTHER TIME.



WHAT ARE THE INFLIGHT MOVIES? ANYTHING WITH JENNIFER LAWRENCE WILL DO JUST FINE.

AND IF WE COULD SWING BY JUKE'S BURGER DEPOT ON THE WAY, I'D APPRECIATE IT. I'M STARVING.


I'M SORRY, PRINCESS AMALYA, S--
IT'S NOT PRINCESS ANYMORE, IT'S GENERAL.
RIGHT, GENERAL AMALYA. SOMETHING HAPPENED. THE MISSION FAILED AND NOW HE'S IN CUSTODY.


NOOOOOOOO!

THANK--YOU--KALEEKO.
GRIND

HE'S STILL ALIVE?
THIS IS AN OUTRAGE! I WANT HIS TAIL ON MY DINNER TABLE!
THERE'S A PLAN B, RIGHT? THERE'S ALWAYS A PLAN B.
THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE!
MAYBE WE NEED A NEW LEADER.
YOU PROMISED US HIS HIDE!
I KNEW THIS WAS GOING TO HAPPEN!
I COULD'VE KILLED HIM THREE TIMES BY NOW!
I TOLD SHALINDA THIS FAKE $#% GENERAL PRINCESS WAS NO GOOD!
MY PEOPLE WILL NOT STAND FOR THIS.
LET'S JUST--
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO NOW?
LADIES, LADIES, LADIES...

LADIES!!!

WANTED
NAME
ROCKET
THERE IS NO REASON TO WORRY. THIS WAS JUST A SMALL BUMP IN THE ROAD. TRUST ME WHEN I TELL YOU THAT OUR EX WILL PAY. WE WILL...
...KILL ROCKET RACCOON!
TO BE CONTINUED...

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